

Why Should You Give To United Way?

LIVE UNITED 

› We're Local

- Funds raised in the area stay here to address local problems.
- United Way is governed by a local group of committed citizens with our community's needs in mind.
- Each year, over 250 dedicated volunteers work hard to raise money and address needs to make our community a better place to live, work and play.

› We're Efficient

- Volunteers help conduct the campaign to keep costs low. 89 cents of every dollar you give goes to Pueblo County United Way funded programs.

› We're Convenient

- Payroll deduction provides a simple way to give. Your dollars come from gifts anywhere from \$1 a week to \$1,000 a year – every dollar DOES make a difference.

› We're Accountable

- Local volunteers review requests and make tough allocation decisions, ensuring every penny is spent wisely.

› We Help People In Our Community

- United Way funded programs strive to improve the quality of life for neighbors, friends, co-workers and families.
- Programs that United Way funds provided over 111,000 different units of service to people in Pueblo County last year alone.
- United Way funds over 45 different health and human service programs that touch the lives of infants, children, families, seniors and everyone in between.

Mission

Our mission is to develop donor resources to enhance the quality of life for the people of Pueblo County.

Partner Agencies Providing Funded Programs

Boy Scouts, Rocky Mountain Council: 561-1220
Boys and Girls Clubs of Pueblo County: 564-0055
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo: 544-4233
East Side Child Care Center: 545-2203
Girl Scouts of Colorado: 543-4690
Hearing Project: 564-5218
Pueblo Child Advocacy Center: 583-6332
Pueblo Community Health Center: 543-8711
Pueblo Cooperative Care Center: 543-7484
Pueblo Suicide Prevention Center: 564-6642
Salvation Army: 543-3656
S.R.D.A: 545-8900
Southeastern Colorado American Red Cross: 561-2614
Southside Children's Center: 564-2285
YWCA: 542-6904

Other organizations receiving grants: Adams State College Foundation, Advocates Against Domestic Violence, Agape Fellowship Church, Arkansas Valley Community Center, Arkansas Valley Resource Center, Assistance League of Pueblo, Care and Share Food Bank, CASA of Pueblo, Center for Disabilities, Center for Restorative Programs, Hospice del Valle, La Puente Homes, Mountain Park Environmental Center (MPEC), Noah's Ark Animal Welfare Association, Posada, Pueblo City Schools, Pueblo Soup Kitchen, Soaring Eagles Center for Autism, South Central Colorado Seniors, Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre, Tu Casa, Valley Humane League, VITA Coalition of Pueblo and Washington Day Care. In addition, over 65 other nonprofits receive funding through the donor designation process.



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Together, we can make an impact.

Without question, the rocky economy continues to impact everyone. Our unemployment rate remains high. As a result, the demand for services continues to skyrocket. More and more of our previous donors have now become the individuals in need of help. Despite the difficult times facing our community, we believe that the basic premise of giving through United Way will ring true – many people giving what they can WILL make a difference. United, we can provide a safety net for those in need, promote self-sufficiency, and instill hope, which ultimately creates a better future for us all.

Why Your Contribution Matters

Just \$1 a Week Makes An Impact!

- Emergency communication between a family and their loved one serving in the military
- Provides one night of shelter for a child who has been exposed to domestic violence, including meals, staff support & counseling services
- Feed three families for a week

Just \$5 a Week Makes An Impact!

- Two dental visits for an uninsured patient
- Emergency prescriptions for five uninsured individuals
- Provide 8 impoverished children with holiday toys

Just \$15 a Week Makes An Impact!

- Pregnancy prevention programs for 15 young people
- A full-time family advocate to assist families of abused children for one week
- Teen suicide prevention training for teen outreach education to Pueblo schools

These figures are based on weekly contributions for one year

“My husband lost his job recently and we did not know where to turn for help. Our child needed a medical prescription and we called United Way. They explained that we could get help from a program they fund. United Way was positive and friendly, and we got the help we needed.”
- Pueblo County Resident who benefited from your generosity

“Donors should know that United Way member agencies are held accountable to the community, and they can be confident that their pledges will serve those truly in need.”
- UW Funded Agency

How Your Dollars Make A Difference

Last year, contributors like you helped provide:

Children/Youth

- A pilot mentor program at Heaton Middle School to help sixth graders overcome the often challenging transition into middle school
- An additional 17,000+ children with programs to help them stay in school and excel, develop leadership and decision making skills and create hope for brighter futures

Self-Sufficiency/Financial Stability

- Nearly 700 Pueblo individuals and families benefited by using the services of the Pueblo VITA program (volunteer income tax assistance program) resulting in bringing approximately \$800,000 in tax refunds & credits back into families pockets as well as into the community

Health/Uninsured/Under-Insured

- More than 14,000 individuals with mental health, suicide prevention & crisis counseling
- Over 3,700 Pueblo children with access to dental care

Poverty

- Nearly 3,300 people with emergency assistance homelessness prevention (utilities, rent/mortgage, electrical repair)
- Over 5,000 nights of shelter for the homeless & more than 60,000 emergency meals

Crisis

- Two hundred children and their families with counseling, advocacy and hope after being victims of physical and/or sexual abuse

Programs Your Dollars Help Fund

Crisis Intervention

- Services to the Armed Forces
- Board of Water Works CARES Program
- Temporary Shelter for the Homeless
- Child Advocacy & Abuse Prevention
- Food Pantry, Community Kitchen & Meals
- Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance
- Suicide Prevention & Teen Hotline
- El Pomar /UW Community Problem Solving for Indigent
- Family Crisis Shelter (abused women & youth)
- Disaster & Emergency Relief Assistance & Training
- IBEW/NECA Emergency Electrical Repair Assistance

Children and Youth

- Mentorship Program for Middle School Youth
- Life Skills for Autistic Youth
- Boy Scouting & Girl Scouting
- Afterschool Tutoring/Recreation
- Early Childhood School Readiness
- Quality, Affordable Daycare
- Holiday Toys for Children in Need
- Parents as Teachers Support
- Leadership, Career Education/Exploration
- School Supplies and Uniforms/Clothing Vouchers
- Character Development Education in Pueblo Schools
- Dropout Prevention/Mental Health for Youth
- Court Appointed Advocates for Foster Children
- Earth Studies Outdoor Education for all 5th Grade Students in Pueblo City Schools

Senior Citizens

- Helping Elders Live Program (HELP)
- Hearing Aids

Health/Family Strengthening

- Children and Family Counseling/Mental Health Programs
- Basic and Emergency Dental Assistance for Children, Low-Income and Uninsured
- Emergency Prescriptions & Hearing Aids
- Obesity Prevention for Children/Families
- Emergency Transportation
- Free Income Tax Preparation

Programs that United Way helps fund touch the lives of over 111,000 people in Pueblo County!